CHAPTER NO. 744

SENATE BILL NO. 3177

By Haynes

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3106

By Ferguson, Brenda Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, relative to the granting of certificates of need for nursing home beds that are not certified for either Medicare or Medicaid.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1622, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

68-11-1622. (c) Notwithstanding the restrictions of subsection (a), during the fiscal year of July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005, the agency may issue a certificate or certificates of need for up to a total of five (5) new nursing home beds, so long as the applicant is not certified for either the Medicaid or Medicare programs. Other than the beds authorized by this section and section (a) the agency shall issue no certificates of need for new nursing home beds.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 10, 2004

APPROVED this 24th day of May 2004